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1. CONGEN REQUESTS SEPTEMBER NUMBERS FOR FOLLOWING FULLY DOCUMENTED

BOAT REFUGEES IN CATEGORIES I THROUGH III:

CAT. II - 131 CAT. II - 5 CAT. III - 219

2. THERE ARE OVER 1,000 BOAT REFUGEES IN HONG KONG WHO ARE CAT. IV. OF THAT AMOUNT, THERE ARE LESS THAN 100 WHO HAVE BEEN APPROVED (INTERVIEWED) BY INS AND FOR WHOM WE REQUESTED ASSURANCES. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO FILE SLIGHTLY OVER 200 WHO COULD BE CONSIDERED BEST QUALIFIED. REQUEST 200 CAT IV NUMBERS FOR SEPT FOR REASONS OUTLINED REFTELS (A) AND (B). WHILE THAT NUMBER COULD NOT BE MOVED OUT OF HONG KONG IN SEPT., WE WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE HONG KONG GOVT THAT MOVEMENT WILL START FOR THOSE IN CAT IV WHO CANNOT BE RESETTLED ELSEWHERE DESPITE UNHCR EFFORTS.

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